

**From:** Rodriguez, Joshua (DDOE) [joshua.rodriguez@dc.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** Letzkus, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: Walter Reed NPDES Termination Letter  
**Attachments:** DDOE WQD Desktop Identification of Environmental Areas of Concern\_JTR\_03.07.13.pdf

Mary,

Based on the information provided in their letter I see no reason they should not be allowed to terminate their permit; however, DDOE does request that supporting documentation be provided to ensure that there is currently no water being supplied to the hospital and there are no active systems. That being said this recommendation is only based on their current permit and discharge. DDOE has significant concerns about the current environmental conditions of the facility and I am concerned other sources of discharge to the MS4 potentially exist. WQD has also identified numerous areas of concern regarding soil and groundwater impacts and with a consistent dry weather flow from WRAMC there is potential for contaminated GW to infiltrate the MS4 below WRAMC. I have attached a document that we prepared on our review the WRAMC ECP developed as part of BRAC. The document summarizes all of WQD's concerns. If you have any questions please let me know.

WQD was planning a facility wide inspection for tomorrow; however, because of the heavy snowfall we have rescheduled. During the inspection we can certainly verify whether or not process water is being discharged from the hospital.

**JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ**  
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**From:** Letzkus, Mary [mailto:Letzkus.Mary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2014 8:22 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Joshua (DDOE)  
**Subject:** FW: Walter Reed NPDES Termination Letter

Good Morning Joshua,

We received the attached termination letter yesterday from Walter Reed. I know that DDOE has been engaged in numerous activities related to discharges from this property. Accordingly, does DDOE have any information that would preclude EPA from terminating this permit? Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks, Mary

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**From:** Jamie M. Pierce [mailto:JPierce@totalenvironmental.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 3:05 PM  
**To:** Letzkus, Mary  
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**Subject:** RE: Walter Reed NPDES Termination Letter

So sorry - it left without the attachment!!

**From:** Jamie M. Pierce  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** [Letzkus.Mary@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Letzkus.Mary@epamail.epa.gov)  
**Cc:** [erin.mauer@us.army.mil](mailto:erin.mauer@us.army.mil); Bob Sawyer; [todd.w.fletcher@iapws.com](mailto:todd.w.fletcher@iapws.com); [joe.fromal@us.army.mil](mailto:joe.fromal@us.army.mil)  
**Subject:** Walter Reed NPDES Termination Letter

Ms. Letzkus,

WRAMC has completed the decommissioning of the hospital and are requesting closure of the NPDES permit. Please see attached letter. I have also sent the letter by Fed-Ex which you should receive by Monday, March 3. Please let me know if there is any additional information you require.

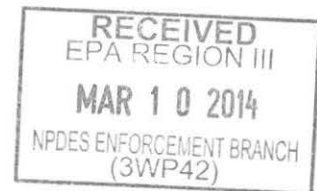
Sincerely,

Jamie Pierce  
240-458-6119



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT  
600 ARMY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20310-0600



Base Realignment and Closure Division

FEB 27 2014

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region III  
Attn: Mr. Jon M. Capacasa  
Director  
Water Protection Division  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Mr. Capacasa:

The former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) is requesting termination of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. DC0000361, in accordance with 40 CFR 122.64. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the NPDES permit to WRAMC on July 23, 2008, and it went into effect on August 1, 2008. The permit allows WRAMC to discharge process water (air-dryer cooling, air compressor cooling, air conditioning blow off, and steam condensate) and storm water to the storm sewer via Building 2, Heaton Pavilion (hospital) floor drains and pump stations. WRAMC closed September 15, 2011, as a result of the congressionally mandated Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act of 2005 and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM) assumed caretaker status of WRAMC upon base closure. The EPA and District Department of the Environment completed a multi-media inspection on October 26, 2011 focusing on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Clean Water Act programs. No issues associated with the NPDES permit were identified.

WRAMC maintained the hospital in an operational condition while salvage operations were occurring throughout 2012-2013. WRAMC submitted a renewal NPDES permit application on December 21, 2012. In accordance with the permit, WRAMC performs quarterly and semi-annual compliance monitoring at manhole 167 for all parameters except total residual chlorine (TRC), which is monitored at manhole 166. WRAMC is currently in compliance with all permit limits.

WRAMC has completed the decommissioning of the hospital which included draining all the process water from units and securing domestic water from entering the building. At this point, there are no active process units and no domestic water supply to the building. WRAMC will maintain sump pumps in the basement floor for groundwater dewatering of the hospital which is discharged to the sanitary sewer. In the absence of any process discharges and in light of the upcoming change in ownership of the property, WRAMC is requesting that the EPA terminate the permit.



WRAMC is also providing a copy of this letter to the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), 1200 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Northeast, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, District of Columbia 20002.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Erin Mauer, BRAC Environmental Coordinator at (202) 367-2025 or [erin.mauer@us.army.mil](mailto:erin.mauer@us.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. O'Donnell II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. O'Donnell II  
Chief, Reserve, Industrial and  
Medical Branch

Cc: Collin Burrell, DDOE

